

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 22, 31 and 41 have been amended. New claims 52 and 53 have been added. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 2-4, 22-47 and 52-53 are currently pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 31 has been amended to overcome the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101.

35 U.S.C. §112

The claims have been amended to overcome the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In addition, new dependent claims 52 and 53 have been added. Applicants wish to point out to the Examiner that claim 41 has been amended to delete the clause reciting "a client apparatus provided at a receiver side". Applicants believe that the removal of this clause does not affect the patentability of the claim.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if any further changes are deemed necessary.

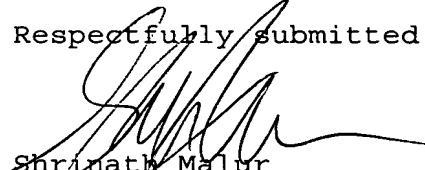
35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Martin et al has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant contends that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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